Old Chest Freezers- A Deadly Play Area for Children



Between 1980 and 1999, at least 27 children were suffocated when they became trapped in old chest freezers. Freezers manufactured before 1970 may latch automatically and cannot be opened from the inside.

Consumers who have an old, non-working freezer should immediately disable the latch, remove the gasket and properly dispose of the freezer. For information on how to identify affected units contact the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers toll-free at (800) 267-3138 or www.aham.org.

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